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SUBJECT: RESEARCH BY DRUG ABUSE EXPERTS

1. DR. JACK H. MENDELSON, MD, AND DR. NANCY K. MELLO, PHD, WILL BE RESEARCHING BIOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIORAL ASPECTS OF HEROIN ABUSE IN HONG KONG DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1974. THESE STUDIES ARE SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION (SAO) AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS IN HONG KONG.

2. DRS. MENDELSON AND MELLO WILL ALSO CONSULT WITH DR. AROON SHOWANASAI AND DR. ROBERT O. SCHNEIDER CONCERNING NARCOTIC ABUSE AMONG THAI YOUTH IN BANGKOK, THAILAND, AS PART OF THE SAME CONTRACT.

3. DR. MELLO IS PROF. OF PSYCHOLOGY AND DR. MENDELSON IS PROF. OF PSYCHIATRY, BOTH AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL. DR. MENDELSON IS DIRECTOR OF HARVARD ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH CENTER.

4. BOTH RESEARCHERS ARE QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED EXPERTS IN DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND RESEARCH. BOTH WILLING TO
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CONSULT WITH EMBASSY STAFF OR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT
PERSONNEL IF DESIRED. SIMPLY CONTACT THEM AT THEIR

HOTEL DURING THEIR STAY.

5. DRS. MELLO AND MENDELSON WILL BE IN HONG KONG
OCTOBER 23 - 27 AT PENINSULA HOTEL. BANGKOK OCTOBER 27
TO NOVEMBER 7 AT SIAM INTERCONTINENTAL. RETURN TO
HONG KONG NOVEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 12 AT PENINSULA. SAO
WILL APPRECIATE ANY POST COURTESY OR ASSISTANCE FOR OUR
RESEARCHERS. KISSINGER

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